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Local and General.

See Bailey for pianos.

Chas. Morris is laid up with rheumatism.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Mrs. Robert Hockley of Edmonton is visiting Mrs. H. E. Gordon here this week.

Bentley announces a Dominion Day celebration in conformity with established custom.

Go a block out of your way to take a peep at the windows of the Lacombe Furniture Store.

Mrs. A. J. McLaughlin is just getting around again after being confined to her bed for ten days with severe illness.

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Good progress is being made in the work of fitting up the new agricultural grounds, and everything will be in readiness by fair time.

Bailey will trade pianos for town property, horses, cattle, second hand machinery, hay or wood, or most anything worth the money.

Dick Hamilton came in Tuesday evening for a visit with relatives near Bentley. He has travelled very extensively since leaving this district.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its monthly meeting in the Young Men's Club rooms on Friday, June 12.—Mrs. D. C. Ebersole, Secretary.

The C. P. R. have this week fenced in the triangular plot north of the station building and will convert it into a flower garden. This is part of their plan for beautifying their grounds here.

Tuesday the preliminary trial of Ryder, under arrest on a charge of horse stealing, was held in the town hall. The prisoner was sent up for trial at the next sittings of the Supreme Court at Red Deer.

The prevailing precipitation of moisture ceased on Wednesday long enough to permit the first baseball game of the season on Lacombe grounds, between Lacombe and Bulltown, Lacombe winning on a 21 to 2 score.

Crop reports from all over western Canada show grain to be in the best condition it has ever been at this time in the season. The recent bountiful rains followed by warm weather, have produced ideal growing conditions and crops have responded accordingly.

A car load of steel boats has been unloaded at Lacombe, to be placed on Gull Lake. This is in addition to a large number of other first canoes, etc., that have come in one at a time. Boating will evidently be much in vogue at Alberta's popular lake resort this season.

There are a few cases of scarletina in town. Dr. Sharpe, medical health officer, informs us that all known cases are under strict quarantine and that everything possible is being done to stamp out the disease. The co-operation of all citizens is desired to this end. Anyone knowing or having well grounded suspicions of a case that has not been reported will do well to report at once to the health officer. Dr. Sharpe informs us that there are no cases in the school.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Mayor and all councillors present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Two unimportant communications were read and ordered placed on file.

Accounts to the amount of \$157 were presented and referred to finance committee.

Councillor Vickerson inquired if all necessary supplies had been secured for holding District Court in town hall. The secretary replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Kent inquired if arrangements had been made with the Department for remuneration for the town hall when used for court purposes. The secretary replied that the Department was paying for use of the hall for District Court but that no arrangements had yet been made for pay for other court purposes.

Councillor Vickerson inquired regarding the case of Auditor Tomlinson vs. Lacombe and was informed that the town had everything in readiness for the trial.

Councillor Vickerson brought up the matter of the barb wire fence nuisance. Said that a number of people had complained of torn clothing while walking on the sidewalk along these fences, and he thought something should be done to abate the nuisance if possible. After discussion the public works committee was asked to look into the matter.

Councillor Kent gave a report of his efforts to secure possession of detective's report re Russel block fire. Had been unable to get it.

Moved by Hotson, seconded by councillor Kent, that the solicitor be instructed to secure detective's report and place it in the hands of the secretary. In discussion councillor Murphy said he could not support the motion if it meant another lawsuit for the town. His Worship thought the motion too far-reaching but if he voted for it, it would be with the understanding that the matter should be pushed to the limit. Councillor Vickerson would support the motion with the understanding that the solicitor should not begin legal proceedings without further sanction from the council. Motion carried.

Councillor Browne reported that the auditor appointed refused to serve, and another appointment would have to be made.

The matter of country cattle pasturing in town was discussed and finally referred to the solicitor for an opinion.

In the matter of refunding balance of real estate license fee to John McKenty, referred to solicitor at last meeting, he reported that such refund was within the power of the council and in his opinion should be made. Solicitor was reminded that this opinion conflicted with that given to last year's council in same case, and replied to the effect that circumstances had altered the case. Hotson moved that \$25 be refunded to Mr. McKenty, but was informed that it would have to be done by bylaw instead of by resolution, and finally gave notice of bylaw accordingly.

Motion was made by councillor Kent that the police committee be instructed to collect the 1908 real estate license. Discussion made it apparent that there were grave doubts as to legality of the real estate bylaw and it was suggested that it would be better to amend the bylaw before attempting enforcement. Accordingly motion was withdrawn and notice given of bylaw to amend.

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Eva. Peaches.....	2 for 25c	Shredded Wheat Biscuits.....	1 for 15c
Eva. Pears.....	2 for 25c	Malta Vita.....	2 for 25c
Eva. Apricots.....	1 for 20c	Toasted Corn Flakes.....	2 for 25c
White Figs.....	1 for 10c	Puffed Rice.....	2 for 25c
Val. Raisins.....	2 for 25c	Meat of Wheat.....	2 for 35c
Layer Raisins.....	2 for 25c	Cream of Wheat.....	1 for 25c
Sultana Raisins.....	1 for 15c	Grape Nuts.....	2 for 35c
Re-cleaned Currants.....	2 for 25c	Postum.....	1 for 25c
No. 1 Japan Rice.....	4 for 25c	"Purity" Flour.....	88 lb. 3.75
Tapiocha.....	3 for 25c	"Five Rose".....	88 lb. 3.00
Sago.....	3 for 25c	"Harvest Queen".....	88 lb. 3.50
Pearl Barley.....	3 for 25c	Manitoba Patent.....	88 lb. 3.25
Pot. Barley.....	4 for 25c	Rollod Oats.....	8 lb. .45
Hand Picked Beans.....	4 for 25c	Rollod Oats.....	20 lb. 1.00
Linus Beans.....	1 for 10c	Rollod Oats.....	40 lb. 1.95
CANNED VEGETABLES		Standard Oatmeal.....	10 lb. .45
Tomatoes.....	3 for 50c	Cornmeal.....	10 lb. .40
Peas.....	2 for 25c	Granulated Wheat.....	10 lb. .40
Beans.....	2 for 25c	Rollod Wheat.....	10 lb. .40
Corn.....	1 for 15c	Graham Flour.....	10 lb. .40
Pumpkin.....	1 for 15c	Shorts.....	100 lb. 1.50
French Peas.....	1 for 20c	".....	100 lb. 1.25
Mushrooms.....	1 for 35c	Pure Maple Syrup.....	Qt. 4.50
Tomato Catsup.....	2 for 25c	Pure Maple Syrup.....	Gal. 1.75
CANNED FRUIT, HEAVY SYRUP		Edwardsburg Syrup.....	5 lb. .40
Strawberries.....	1 for 25c	".....	10 lb. .70
Raspberries.....	1 for 25c	".....	20 lb. 1.35
Peaches.....	1 for 25c	Molasses.....	2 lb. Tin .20
Pears.....	1 for 25c	".....	3 lb. Tin .25
Plums Lombard.....	1 for 20c	".....	per lb. .06
Plums Green Gage.....	1 for 20c	Cane Syrup.....	per lb. .05
Cherries.....	1 for 25c	SALT	
Blueberries.....	2 for 25c	Rock Salt.....	per cwt \$1.65
Blackberries.....	1 for 25c	Barrels, Coarse or Fine.....	3.40
		Bag, Jute, Coarse.....	1000 1.25
		".....	500 .70
		".....	500 .75
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JUSTICE TO MANITOBA.

Federal Interference to be Abandoned. This Is the Present Expectation. If It Proves Wrong Dead-lock Will Come Again.

Ottawa, May 23.—At the time of writing the crisis seems to be past. Sir Wilfrid is not dissolving Parliament, and the Opposition is preparing to vote supply as occasion offers. The Premier of Manitoba and one of his Ministers have been at Ottawa, and have gone home satisfied that the obnoxious and insulting legislation against that province will be withdrawn. Though there is no official announcement of the abandonment of Clause One business is proceeding on the assumption that the Premier will cut it out. If this view proves wrong, the vote of supply will soon cease and dead lock will come again.

A Wiser Second Thought.

Premier Roblin had a long talk with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He received from the Federal Premier such assurances that he went away satisfied that the Manitoba lists would be let alone. There is to be no adding on or striking off by Federal officers. All that is to be left of the Clause One is the power to allocate the registered voters to their proper polls in those ridings where federal and provincial districts cut each other. This mechanical work is to be done by judges and all those districts where the boundaries are not cut are to be left severely alone. That is what the Opposition demanded at the start. It is what will have to be done if supply is to be voted and business proceed in the usual way. While it is too soon to say that the government has abandoned all the rest, that is believed to be the situation.

Timber Limits.

With this understanding, two or three pages of estimates have been voted. Meanwhile two resolutions of condemnation have been debated and voted down with the regular majority. The first was the motion of Mr. Lake concerning timber limits, which sets forth that:

"This House regrets that the present government has permitted the improvident alienation of immense areas of valuable timber limits, which are now held for speculative purposes to the detriment of the people, and records its opinion that such full and unrestricted investigation should be made and such available proceedings taken as may be necessary to re-vest in the Crown any timber on progress estimates. Lastly it is lands in respect to which fraud or best known of all, because it is an imposition has been practised."

In the discussion Mr. Lake, Mr. Ames and Mr. Bristol set forth the delivery of these rifles the militia facts affecting these limits which do not use them if they can help have been brought out in the Committee. The marksmen at the rifle mittee and elsewhere, with the ranges do not use them at all. This help of the long suppressed "The Mounted Police, which also ginal documents." Neither the lately requires an effective weapon. Minister of the Interior nor any of sent them back two or three years ago, his colleagues attempted a reply and has never taken them back. That was left to Mr. Burrows, the again. A long list of accidents has

operator and speculator, who, in his own name, and in the name of the Imperial Pulp Company and divers other names, has acquired the most valuable limits in the Western country, and to Mr. MacDonald of Pictou, the vigorous and sleepless obstructor of the investigation in the committee. The discussion dealt with the following

Some Elements in the Case.

The immense holdings of Mr. Burrows, all obtained for trifling sums and without effective competition in a few years while his brother-in-law was head of the department.

The mysterious system of tenders, under which the Burrows connection always managed to succeed, and always by a very small margin; the arrangement of double and treble cheques producing a series of coincidences, all happy ones for Burrows, with the chances several millions to one against their accidental occurrence.

The solitary instance, formerly much quoted by the government, where an immensely valuable limit went for a low price to a conservative bidder, which transaction turned out to have had Mr. Burrows in the background to push the thing through, and to have returned him \$80,000 in immediate cash for his share of a property sold by the Government for \$6,000.

The fact that practically all the available timber is locked up by speculators who are holding it for an advance.

These and other matters seem to call for an investigation where there shall be no professional obstruction, and where the whole truth can be learned, and the country put in a position to recover any timber property lost by fraud. But the majority has decided otherwise, and the timber grabbers hold their own—or rather the people's own.

The Ross Rifle.

The other motion, moved by Col. Worthington, condemns the conduct of the Militia Department in the Ross Rifle deal. This business is pretty well understood in the country. It is known that the Ross Company has made, or is making, 62,000 rifles at \$25 each, with bayonets at \$5.25 each, and various other extras, bringing up the weapons when inspected to a cost \$33 each, or something near double the price paid for those Lee Enfields bought from the War Office twelve years ago. It is also known that the government made the contractor a present of 10 acres of land on the Heights of Abraham, and admits free of duty all his material and such of finished or partly finished portions the rifle as he may choose to import; that he brings in from the States many parts and that he could not make a rifle in his shops if foreign source of supply were closed to him. It is further known that the government has financed his operations by paying him in advance re-vest in the Crown any timber on progress estimates. Lastly it is lands in respect to which fraud or best known of all, because it is an imposition has been practised."

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been reported as the result of experiments with these rifles. These facts were brought out in the debate by Dr. Worthington, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Fowler and the Opposition Leader. The Minister of Militia defended the Ross rifle and the contract. Col. Sam Hughes commended the rifle but did not undertake to justify the terms of the contract.

The Hodgins Charges.

The committee of five appointed to investigate the charge of padding the accounts on the Transcontinental Railway contracts has heard the testimony of the accused, Major Hodgins. He testifies that he was appointed District Engineer at a salary of \$4,000 a year on his return from South Africa, where he served during the Boer War and remained as Chief of railway constructing staff, under Sir Percy Girouard. His experience on the Transcontinental, according to his sworn testimony, was briefly this:

The Quebec Classification.

He was placed in charge of section F, one of the heaviest on the road, extending from Winnipeg, eastward, with headquarters at Kenora. Contractor McArthur was considered to have a hard contract, and has not always made satisfactory progress. Contracts are at schedule prices for solid rock, boulders, gravel, sand and other substances. It was the business of subordinate engineers under Major Hodgins, to classify the matter taken out, subject to his orders and correction. Major Hodgins was advised by Government Commissioner Young to apply the Quebec classification, and so visited the Quebec end to study that system. He found there matter classed as 85 per cent solid rock where the rock was not solid and where he and a Grand Trunk Pacific Engineer considered 30 to 40 per cent rock a high classification.

Where Hodgins Objected.

In his own district Major Hodgins was requested by two Transcontinental Commissioners, Young and Reid, to give a "liberal" classification, as the contractor was having a hard time. But Major Hodgins could not see his way clear to certify to solid rock where there was no rock, and suggested to the Chief Engineer that the principle of "force classification" be adopted instead. This technical term means the payment to the contractor of the actual cost of work done at particular places plus 10 per cent for equipment and incidentals. The method is commonly applied where exact classification is impossible on account of disagreement, or because quantity cannot be measured or the substance is not included in the schedules. Major Hodgins held that if concessions were to be made to hasten the work, it should be done openly and above board in this way rather than by certifying to rock where none existed, according to the Quebec method.

Parliament Mised.

Chief Engineer Lumsden seemed willing to resort to "force" provided the Commissioners consented. Major Hodgins referred it to them and they refused consent. Thereupon he continued to follow the conditions of the contract which Mr. Parent, chairman of the Commission, presented to Parliament. That Major Hodgins was misled because he undertook to favor the contractors by applying

"force classification" to their work. He says he only asked leave to apply it, and moreover he was continued in his position long after that, and only dismissed when he refused to over-classify.

Why He Was Dismissed.

At length the Commission sent an "inspecting engineer" over Major Hodgins' district. This officer talked with the subordinate engineers on the works, after which they began to send in reports showing enormously increased percentages of rock. There was a jump from 31,000 to 57,000 cubic yards in the next monthly return, while the cheaper material decreased. Major Hodgins made examination, found the quantity of rock excessive, cut down the statement to the right figure and sent in his return. After that the crisis arrived and he was dismissed. He was retired because he would not certify that sand was rock.

The Country Pays.

If the false classification shall increase by \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 the amount of certain contracts the people of Canada will pay the difference. The contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific provides that when the road is handed over to the Company, the Company shall not be charged with improper payments. These may be arbitrated upon and settled. Now Major Hodgins testifies that the Grand Trunk Company's officers understand perfectly what is going on. He talked with Vice-President Morse about the over-classification and that astute railway man told him that he understood the whole matter and was keeping tally of excessive allowances. Major Hodgins did not hesitate to tell the Commissioners while he was in their service what this thing meant.

When Commissioner Reid told him to be liberal in classification Major Hodgins replied that there should be no beating about the bush; "you wish me to over-classify and you should say so plainly." In his cross-examination, Major Hodgins was asked why he did not bring this matter to the notice of the Government. He gave the unexpected answer that this was exactly what he did. Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Aylesworth had been, told all about it, and when they refused to investigate, Major Hodgins told his story to the press. Then inquiry had to come.

Fishing Monopolists Unsatisfied.

Some of the favoured persons who have acquired from 9 to 21 year monopolies of fishing in the Slave Lake, the Athabaska, the Nelson River and its tributaries, James Bay and its estuaries, and numerous lakes and rivers in the far North and West, testify that they have not yet made money out of their deals. Mr. McNeer, who pays \$10 per year for a 21 year fishing monopoly of a large part of the coast of James Bay and of many rivers, says the concession has not brought him anything, because he has no means of transporting the fish. The Government knew when this lease was granted that the locality was not then accessible. But a railway is projected to James Bay, which is expected to make this fishing monopoly extremely valuable long before its expiration in 1924. It is now held for speculative purposes. Why could not the Government have held this and other rights of the people? Some of the more accessible concessions are said to have changed hands at large prices.

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Often, at great feasts, the guests bring their servants, who carry back food and whatever is left from dinner, packed in these baskets and then they are taken home.



AERO PLANE COASTING SLED

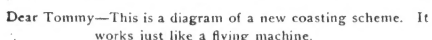
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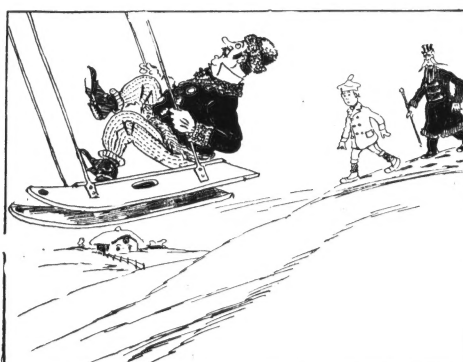
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HEADWAY RISING
FROM SURFACE

WILLIE
WESTINGHOUSE
EDISON
SMITH,
PAT.

SURFACE OF HILL



When I tried it, it sailed about a hundred yards without touching the surface.

[illegible][illegible]

But when it left the surface he got rattled.

[illegible]

He landed on his head in a big snowbank, and got real mad about it.

Yours, WILLIE.



Local and General.

Mayor J. N. Tice and Mrs. Tice, of Stettler, were in town the first of the week.

Geo. Skinner left on Monday evening for the coast. He expects to be away about three weeks.

The Skinner Drug Company are clearing out their large stock of fine china at lower prices than such goods have ever been sold in Lacombe.

See Bailey for hammocks, tents, wagon covers, camp chairs, camp cots, water wings. If we haven't got what you are looking for we will get it.—The Lacombe Furniture Store.

As previously announced in The Advertiser, the second annual picnic convention of the Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association will be held at Erskine on June 10 and 11. Bunting, horse racing, athletic sports of all kinds, baseball, football and buck jumping contests are part of the list of attractions.

Councillor Dunlap left this morning for Lacombe and Blackfalds for the purpose of being joined in holy wedlock to Miss Blanche Hunt, sister of Stettler's mayors. At the meeting of the town council on Monday night the council presented Mr. Dunlap with a handsome clock as a memento of the occasion of his marriage and as an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the city fathers.—Stettler Independent.

District Court.

Judge Noel held the first sitting of the District Court in Lacombe yesterday.

The case of Morris & Taylor vs. Reed was not finished.

In the case of Auditor Tomlinson vs. Town of Lacombe, judgment was given Tomlinson for \$63.30 and small debt costs against the town. Tomlinson claimed \$179.00 as still due him. The town had proffered him \$29.30 and paid same in to court. Under the decision of the court the town pays more than proffered and Tomlinson receives much less than he demanded. The town had previously paid him \$20.70. \$50.00 was the amount the town claimed he had contracted to do the work for and he gets a total of \$84.00.

Drowned in Red Deer River.

Calgary, June 1.—Robert Wigmore, a rancher, well known in Alberta, was drowned Saturday afternoon in the Red Deer river, eighty miles northwest of Calgary. Wigmore swam a team of horses across at a point twelve miles from Carbon and returned to ferry the wagon over. A strong wind was blowing at the time and overturned the ferry. The man in charge succeeded in reaching shore, but Wigmore was drowned. The body was not recovered. The mounted police are searching for it. Samuel Wigmore, his father, was one of Alberta's first settlers.

Births.

CAPLING.—At Tees, on Saturday May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Capling, a son.

McNICOL.—At Blackfalds, on Monday, May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol, a daughter.

MacDONALD.—At Lacombe, on Thursday May 28, to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. MacDonald, a son.

BROOKS.—At Lacombe, on Sunday May 31, to Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, a daughter.

STEWART.—At Arbordale, on Sunday May 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart, a son.

WALKER.—At Lacombe, on Tuesday June 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Walker, a daughter.

LABAW.—At Lacombe, on Tuesday June 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Labaw, a daughter.

A Commissioner's Methods.

J. G. Turiff, M.P., former Commissioner of Lands, is involved in a queer affair brought to light by Mr. Foster. There is a coal field in the West which was formerly a school section. T. S. Gilmour applied for it is a coal area in 1900 and found it not open. Next year J. F. Howard applied and in the third year S. J. Griffiths. After the last application the Government authorized the lease. Mr. Turiff was Commissioner and he has testified that these applications were the only ones before him. Gilmour was entitled to the preference, but Griffiths got the lease.

Mr. Gilmour sought redress through the courts, where Mr. Turiff gave evidence that Howard and Gilmour withdrew their applications, otherwise the lease should have been given in the order of priority. Mr. Turiff testified that he had brought "all the correspondence which we have with reference to this lease, with regard to Griffiths, Howard and Gilmour." But Mr. Foster read two other letters which Mr. Turiff did not hand in though he had written them. From these it appears that Howard withdrew his application in favor of Griffiths, with whom he had an agreement, and then kept up a correspondence with Mr. Turiff, urging him to give Griffiths the lease and freeze out Gilmour. Mr. Turiff informed the House that Howard was a friend of his who "had failed in business was absolutely down on the rocks and was applying for a lease of coal land for this particular section."

Suppressed Letters.

In these circumstances Commissioner Turiff as judge, had to decide who should have the lease. Howard had joined with Griffiths and the only man in the way of Howard's claim was the prior applicant. Howard wrote to Mr. Turiff on the 2nd of September 1902 and the Commissioner replied:

"The way the matter stands Gilmour might be considered the most entitled, although after the order-in-council providing for leasing were passed your application and his are on even dates. It will however be more satisfactory if Griffiths can do as he says, get an assignment or withdrawal from Gilmour, and we will issue lease to him for the whole section. I trust that you will get this arranged satisfactorily. If not, let me know and I will see if we cannot do it anyway. But I would much prefer to have Gilmour withdraw."

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) J. G. TURIFF.

So Gilmour had not withdrawn at the stage and was still the prior claimant. Before Howard could get this letter Mr. Turiff had wired him not to act upon it, but wait for another letter written two days later. This is as follows:

Ottawa, Sept. 17, 1902

(Private)

My Dear Howard:

I just wired you today not to act on my letter of the 15th until you saw Griffiths. I have just seen a friend of his who tells me that possibly Gilmour will hold up for one quarter or one third interest in the business, and I do not want to put you in that position, and unless Griffiths can get Gilmour's withdrawal for a very trifling amount it will be better not to go near him at all and we will issue the lease to Griffiths."

Yours sincerely,
J. G. TURIFF.

The Points.

Note these facts.

Mr. Turiff sitting as Judge between conflicting applicants gives the lease to the one who applies last.

While the case is pending he keeps up a lively correspondence with one of the parties, advising him how to get clear of the prior applicant. Mr. Turiff recommends an assignment from Gilmour and if that cannot be done the office will give the lease to Griffiths anyway.

Correcting this he advises not to give Gilmour a large interest and promises to issue the lease to Griffiths in any case.

Mr. Turiff issues the lease to Griffiths.

Then he testifies that he did so because Gilmour had withdrawn.

Finally, while declaring that he handed in all the correspondence, Mr. Turiff kept back these letters.

A Great Invention.

A machine known as the Reese Brush Cutter is about to be placed on the market by Messrs. McNamara and Rubbra of Wetaskiwin. It is a triangular platform on wheels to which is attached a heavy knife seven feet long set at an angle of forty-five degrees. To resist the side pressure of the knife as it strikes the brush the rear wheels are flanged much like the discs of a barrow. It is claimed that with this machine and a team two men can cut as much brush in a day as twenty men could by hand.

Not only does it cut out small young trees, but large willows four and five inches thick fall before it as grass before a mower. It also cuts close to the ground. One man on the platform drives the horses, while another follows and removes the brush so that the horses can readily pass over the ground on the next swath.

Mr. Gus E. Reese of Wetaskiwin has the honor of being the inventor. Realizing that a tremendous saving could be made by clearing the land of brush with a machine instead of doing it by hand, after considerable experimenting upon many different ideas he finally produced the brush cutter in its present shape which he patented. He has made arrangements with Mr. W. J. McNamara and Mr. T. C. Rubbra to manufacture the cutter on a large scale. Already a great number of farmers have seen it work and have placed orders for them. A demonstrating cutter can now be seen at the office of T. C. Rubbra, the Massey Harris agent.

Messrs. McNamara and Rubbra have made arrangements to put the brush cutter on exhibition and also give demonstrations at the Calgary Dominion Exhibition in July. Agents will be appointed in all the large towns throughout the three provinces.

Terrible Typhoon in Australia.

Victoria, June 3.—Bringing news of an unprecedented disaster of the Pearling fleet off West Australia, involving a loss of forty luggers and 270 lives, twenty only being whites, in a typhoon, the Canadian Australian liner Manuka arrived this afternoon. The disaster to the fleet of pearling luggers occurred near Thursday Island, a typhoon striking the fleet just as it was starting for the pearling grounds, scattering the

vessels, completely wrecking some and driving others ashore. About twenty Australian pearlers were lost. Other Malays, Manila, Mena Japanese, Kanakas. It is reported there were harrowing experiences, some victims being picked up in the last stages of exhaustion after having cut away their masts and having been clinging to the wrecked hull, while sharks followed, waiting for the exhausted men to drop from the wreckage. Many were rescued by the steamer Parrot, sent from Broome as a relief steamer. Bodies of some of the victims were eaten by sharks. The beach near Broome presents a terrible sight, covered with wreckage and bodies.

Death of James Gilmour, Ex-M.P.

London Ont. Free Press, May 16.—Mr. James Gilmour, ex M.P. for East Middlesex, died about 8 o'clock this morning at his residence near Nilestown. Death was not unexpected at the last, but the deceased passed away with startling suddenness notwithstanding.

It is a little more than two weeks since Mr. Gilmour was present at the political meeting addressed at Thorndale by Mr. R. K. Ganes. On that occasion Mr. Gilmour was in his usual good health and spirits, and long life seemed to be before him. He made one of the brightest platform speeches heard in the riding in a good while.

The cause of death was an affection of the bowels. On Tuesday an operation was performed upon the patient, but he failed to rally. He was in his sixty-seventh year.

It falls to the lot of few men to be held in the same high regard as was the late James Gilmour. He was respected of all men—a man of keen intelligence, breadth of view and sterling integrity. His word was indeed his bond. He scorned to do anything that was questionable, and throughout his somewhat extended career as a public man he retained the entire confidence of opponent as well as friend. His genial smile, his quaint Scotch accent, his hearty handshake, were all so evidently sincere he spread good humor and content wherever he went.

As a member of the county council of Middlesex he served the county with rare good judgment. He was one of the strongest men the county ever produced, and it is due in a very large degree to his sagacity that the affairs of the county are today in splendid condition. He was honored with every post of honor in the gift of the county, having been warden, and later for years the county's representative on the trust of Victoria Hospital.

When the Conservative party called him to accept the position of standard bearer in the east riding he accepted, and in this position he was invincible. The task of attending at the House of Commons at Ottawa was not greatly to his liking however, so he withdrew, having been succeeded by Mr. Peter Elson, the present member. He remained a staunch friend of the Liberal Conservative cause, and it was his pleasure in politics to speak in behalf of the Whitney Government, of whose record he was a proud admirer.

Deceased is survived by a widow, two sons, Andrew and John, and one daughter, Miss Lizzie; also two brothers, Andrew and David, who reside on nearby farms. He was a member of the Presbyterians Church, and a native of Scotland, having been born near Glasgow.

Fatal Auto Accident.

Lowell, Mass., May 31. Barney Oldfield, the greatest automobile driver in the world, was in the worst accident of his life tonight. As a result his wife is dying in the Lowell general hospital. Joe O'Brien, of Boston, has a broken ankle, a fractured thigh and internal injuries, two other passengers are injured, while Oldfield himself escaped without a scratch. A big seven-seated thirty horsepower Buick touring car, driven by Oldfield and going at forty miles an hour, crashed into the tonneau of another touring car, and skidded halfway across the street. Oldfield made a desperate effort to straighten his own car out, and then smashed into a big tree in the middle of

the road, pitching all five passengers headlong into the street. The acetylene lights set fire to the gasoline tank and the machine exploded. It was in this Mrs. Oldfield received her worst injuries.

The Dangerous Automobile.

New York, June 1.—William P. Gould and Thomas Nolan were killed instantly and Victor Branis and Jas. McKenna mortally injured in an automobile accident on Prospect avenue, Brooklyn, in returning from Coney Island this morning. The machine had six occupants and was driven at top speed by John Lanyon when it skidded against a tree, leaped in the air and fell, burying the men under the car. Ernest Eggert and John Lanyon were badly shaken up. It was found by a passing automobile.

Cyclone in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 1.—A cyclone visited the dry farming district of East Cheyenne at six o'clock last night and left devastation in its wake at Hilldale. Houses were blown down and two persons, whose names have not as yet been learned, were injured. Burglars from Cheyenne have gone to the scene. The telegraph and telephone lines east of Cheyenne are down.

By a special arrangement we are enabled to offer The Lacombe Advertiser and the Family Herald and Weekly Star from now till December 31st, 1908, for only 75 cents. This offer is made for the purpose of securing new subscribers, but if any of our old subscribers wish to take advantage of it to give the Family Herald and Weekly Star a trial we will extend their subscription to The Advertiser by that many months and send the Family Herald to December 31st, on receipt of the 75 cents.

Blackfalds.

Rev. W. W. Saunders left Monday evening to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church, which is being held this week and next in Medicine Hat. As a result of his absence the Methodist Church pulpit of this place will be vacant next Sabbath.

The annual district meeting of the Methodist church of the Lacombe district was held in the Methodist church, Blackfalds, on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Superintendent Buchanan of the Alberta missions was present on both days.

Crops never looked better than they do at the present time. McKay Bros. have a fifty acre field of fall wheat that will be headed out in two weeks more if the weather continues favorable.

W. P. Shillington has moved into the residence which he recently purchased from N. P. Shular. Rev. G. G. Edwards made his monthly visit to Eckville and Leslieville on Sunday last.

Mr. W. Waghorn is improving the property recently purchased from S. W. Ebbson by erecting a store thereon.

Death.

On Saturday occurred the death of Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Kent, of scarletina. She was taken sick on Wednesday and died on Saturday morning. She was in her fifth year. Two other children in this family are now ill with scarletina but their condition is not considered critical.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, June 4.
Interest on deposit for last three months \$735
Total of April 2 \$1063 25
Total cash on hand 1071 20
Amount paid for hospital since 311 50
Total contributions to date \$1822 70

PUBLIC MEETING.

A meeting of the Lacombe Agricultural Society will be held in Mobley's Hall on Saturday June 20th, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of revising the bylaws and regulations of the Society. All are cordially invited to attend.

N. E. CARUTHERS,
Secretary.

Lacombe, June 1st, 1908.

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To relieve a cough or break up a cold in twenty-four hours, the following simple formula, the ingredients of which can be obtained of any good prescription drug list at small cost, is all that is required: Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), one-half ounce; Glycerine, two ounces; good Whisky, a half pint. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours. The desired results can not be obtained unless the ingredients are pure. It is therefore better to purchase the ingredients separately and prepare the mixture yourself. Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) should be purchased in the original half-ounce vials, which druggists buy for dispensing. Each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case which protects the Oil from exposure to light. Around the wooden case is an engraved wrapper with the name—"Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure)" plainly printed thereon. There are many imitations and cheap productions of Pine Oil, but these only create nausea, and never effect the desired results.

Tenders Wanted

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked Tender for School, will be received up to July 6th, 1908, for the erection of a frame school house for Meadowbrook S. D. No. 1751. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of the undersigned after June 1st. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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